

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
Lok Sabha**

STARRED QUESTION NO. : 76

(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 24th July 2025)

AIRPORTS UNDER RCS-UDAN SCHEME IN MAHARASHTRA

76. DR. KALYAN VAIJINATHRAO KALE

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

be pleased to state:-

- (a) the number and details of new airports proposed to be constructed across the country under the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN during the year 2025-26, State-wise;**
- (b) whether the Government proposes to construct airports in Maharashtra under RCS-UDAN;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and**
- (d) whether the Government proposes to include Maharashtra under the next phase of the scheme and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

Minister of CIVIL AVIATION (Shri Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (D) IN RESPECT OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 76 FOR REPLY ON 24.07.2025 REGARDING AIRPORTS UNDER RCS-UDAN SCHEME IN MAHARASHTRA ASKED BY DR. KALYAN VAIJINATHRAO KALE. (a): The Government launched the RCS-UDAN Scheme on 21.10.2016 with an aim to take flying to the masses by making it affordable, convenient and sustainable air travel for passengers with access to various parts of India. The scheme is working as

a catalyst in establishing an integrated eco-system which is leading to significant growth of the civil aviation sector, which in turn is also promoting tourism, increasing employment and leading to balanced regional growth across the country. Since the commencement of the RCS-UDAN scheme, 637 RCS routes have been operationalized, connecting 92 unserved and underserved airports, including 15 heliports and 2 water aerodromes across the country. Under the UDAN Scheme, 153.59 lakh domestic passengers have travelled in more than 3.14 lakh RCS flights as of July 15, 2025. Development and operationalisation of identified airports/heliports/water aerodromes is a continuous process under the RCS-UDAN Scheme. A list of 10 aerodromes likely to be operationalised across the country, during the year 2025-26. The state-wise details of airports are as at Annexure. (b) & (c): In the state of Maharashtra, seven airports namely Kolhapur, Jalgaon, Nanded, Gondia, Nasik, Sindhudurg and Amravati have been operationalised so far under the RCS-UDAN Scheme. Sholapur airport has been developed under the Scheme and commercial flight operations have commenced. Ratnagiri airport has been identified and is under development by State Government for operation of RCS flights under the UDAN scheme. (d): The Government has recently announced the launch of the modified UDAN Scheme to increase regional connectivity to 120 new destinations across the country and cater to 4 crore passengers in the next 10 years. In future, if any airline submits a valid bid for the operation of RCS flights connecting airports in Maharashtra, the same will be considered as per the provisions of the Scheme.

List of Aerodromes likely to be operationalised during 2025-26

Sl.N.	State	Airport	Owner	Implementing Agency
1.	Andaman & Nicobar Island	Car Nicobar	IAF	AAI
2.	Andaman & Nicobar Island	Shibpur	INS	AAI
3.	Andaman & Nicobar Island	Campbell Bay	INS	AAI
4.	Bihar	Purnea	SG	AAI
5.	Jharkhand	Bokaro	SAIL	AAI
6.	Maharashtra	Ratnagiri	ICG	MADC
7.	Odisha	Rangeilunda (Berhampur)	SG	SG
8.	Tamil Nadu	Neyveli	NLC	AAI
9.	Tamil Nadu	Vellore	AAI	AAI
10.	Uttar Pradesh	Saharanpur (Sarsawa)	IAF	AAI